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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 0472

FROM QUINLAN MUSCAT

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS MU

SUBJ: REPORTED RADAR SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT SALE TO OMAN MILITARY

REF: KUWAIT 0415, 0416

1. GENERAL CREASEY AND SBVPLE OF MINDEFENCE HAVE ASKED WHETHER EMBASSY WAS AWARE OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR PURCHASE OF RADAR SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT FROM AMERICAN FIRM. THEY WERE NOT GIVEN NAME OF FIRM, BUT WARNED THAT PALACE HAD MADE CONTACTS WITH FIRM THROUGH INDIVIDUALS IN BEIRUT. (FYI: PRESUMABLY THIS MEANS GHASSAN SHAKIR AND ASSOCIATES.)

2. I HAD PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED WITH BOTH CREASEY AND SEMPLE THE

NECESSITY OF COORDINATING WITH EMBASSY ON ALL MILITARY PROCUREMENT IN US AND SUGGESTED THEY ADVISE DEPUTY MINDEFENCE SAYYID FAHAR OF DESIRABILITY COORDINATING THIS AS WELL. BOTH ARE, HOWEVER, UNDERSTANDABLY RELUCTANT TO GIVE SULTAN QABOOS IMPRESSION HE CAN'T GO OUT OF CHANNELS.

3. IF MANUFACTURER IS AMERICAN FIRM, WE ASSUME, IT IS REPUTABLE FIRM KNOWN TO DEPARTMENT DEFENCE. IN THIS CASE ONLY OBJECTIONABLE
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FEATURE IS FAT FEE PAYABLE TO TEN-PERCENTER SHAKIR. MIGHT HOWEVER

BE SECOND-HAND ARMS BROKER. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION

DEPARTMENT MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE.
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